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—Hoyt Odom, Pastor

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—George B. Horton  
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I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.—Stephen Grellet

Everything that happens to us leaves some trace behind; everything contributes imperceptibly to make us what we are.—Goethe

They placed upon the Saviour's head, a crown of thorns one day. They smote him and mocked him, and they led him away. And when they had plaited a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head and a reed in his right hand: And they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" (John 27:29)—Mrs. Trishel Sisk.

*"Happy is that people  
whose God is the Lord."*

LET US EXAMINE the word of the Psalmist in Psalm 144:15. The subject set forth in the verse is "People and God." You will notice the statement of the man of God, "Happy is that people whose God is the Lord." He does not include all people who have a god, but that people who have made Jehovah God their Lord. He speaks as one who has perfect knowledge of what he is saying. He speaks not only out of the experience of his life, but he speaks for a people who love and serve the true God. He sets forth the fact that those "people who had made God their Lord" are a happy people. They have come to recognize Him not only as God who dwells in the heavens but One with whom mortal man can enjoy a happy relationship by keeping His commandments; One who has

implies more than that: He is the Author and Giver of all things that pertain to happiness. So, let Christians see their privileges and be joyful in their God. "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice." Let us reminisce at this point; go back, if you will, to the time you began to walk, and count your blessings. Now begin by enumerating all the good things of life. Not one of them can you attribute to Satan, who is an avowed enemy of our God. Then when you sum them up, you will say that God is the "Giver of all good things." Blessed be His name. God is the giver of *all* blessings, whether they be spiritual, physical or material benefits. My soul is admonished to "forget not *all* His benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercy." My friend, God is the giver of *all* good blessings.

*God intended for His chosen ones to be*

## A HAPPY PEOPLE

condescended to become the God and Father of all who will be faithful to His Word, in living in right relationship with Him.

As we examine the text further, let us observe that it infers, first of all, that God has become the sole object of their love and devotion. Only men whose lives are in harmony with God's plan and purpose can expect to find lasting contentment and sure happiness. Those who seek to find true happiness in material things are sure to come to the end of their journey unhappy and unprepared for a happy life in heaven with the Lord. It is impossible to serve and worship many gods and be happy. The Bible teaches man that he is to have no other gods before Him; that Jehovah God (the Everlasting Father; the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) is to be our God.

We cannot be in right relationship with Him unless He is the sole object of our devotion, and unless we have accepted Him as our Lord and Master, the King on the throne of our hearts, our peace, our joy, and our song.

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Our text infers more than that mentioned above, that is, God has made a covenant with His people. He has condescended to come down and accept "that people" into His beloved. He is supremely good, unchangeable and eternal. His goodness and faithfulness are all pledged to them, and because of these things "this people" have been brought into right relationship with God, and as a result they have accepted His plan for their lives. Consequently, they are a happy people. Praise God! Let us now confirm and illustrate the fact that is set forth in the text. That is, "the people were happy because they enjoyed a most blessed fellowship with God."

Some time ago a cross-country survey was made to see if there were any happy people in America, and if so, to learn the secret of their happiness. The survey revealed that the most happy people are the "most religious" people; the second most happy people are the professing church members; and the saddest people are those who have no affiliation with the church or fellowship with God. The Christian's happiness is reflected in his service to God by helping suffering, dying souls. Every person who has accepted Christ found this happiness the day he was born again.

We are told that there are some eighty-one million adult church members in America, but only about fifty-two million of them are faithful in church attendance. You will find the

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General Secretary-Treasurer



happiest people among those who are faithful to God's house. The happy Christian says, "He gives me my life, so I must live in such a way that I will please Him. He gives me my time. I must spend a reasonable portion of it in promoting God's work. He enables me to earn money, so I must pay my tithes and by my giving help others to find true happiness through Christ. It is said that only three out of every one hundred families tithe their income."

**TO FIND OUT** how great an impact Christianity is having on the world you must go to the people for the answer. It is astonishing to learn that sixty-five million of them have never heard the footsteps of a missionary; neither have they heard the lovely name of our Lord. It is my opinion that if there were more unselfish Christians happily serving the Lord, the gospel of Christ would have a greater impact on suffering, dying men around the world.

Much of the happiness of today is based on false security. Many of those with an average income say they could be happier if they were making a third more, while those on that level say the same thing. It is wonderful to have good health, to live in a good community, with a nice income, but that is not enough to assure one of happiness. He must be in right relationship with God.

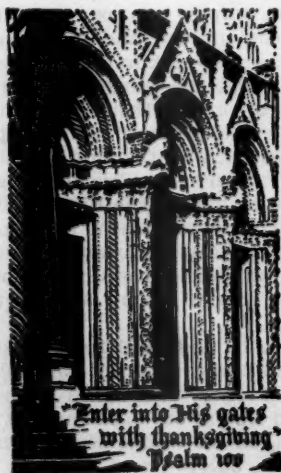
The road to destruction is highlighted with glaring signboards setting forth false ideas about happiness, giving youth the impression that the more one lives to satisfy the flesh the happier he will be; but you only need to look around you and get the evidence from the people. The highway of life is strewn with dejected souls who were made to believe that divorce and remarriage was the sure road to happiness, but the dockets of the divorce courts—plus more broken homes, with institutions crowded with abandoned children—cry to the high heavens against this philosophy. Many millions are dying as a result of drunken driving. This is an indictment against intemperate living. The road that leads to hell is bedecked with many attractions, but only those who know God as their Lord and Redeemer have reason for real satisfaction and lasting joy.

Many of the songs of the sixteenth century tell the Christian of the happiness that lies beyond the grave. The Indians who lived in America before

the white man ever trod this continent believed in life after death. They buried, with their chieftain, his tomahawk and bow and arrows. They believed there was a happy hunting ground beyond the river. But thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

In almost every home there is reason for anxiety and sorrow, sickness, partings and death. All of these things bring sadness, but the men and women who have taken hold of God's promises have an undisturbed peace. When you find a couple happily married, you find understanding, love and devotion. When you find "a happy people," there is a reason. They are happy first of all because He has pardoned their sins and iniquities and blotted out all their transgressions. Where they once thought of God as a cold, passionless Judge, they now think of Him as a kind, loving and merciful Father because of a happy relationship with Him. They are happy because God gives wisdom to guide them. They have confidence in Him that He will fulfill every promise. They are happy because one day they shall see Him and be with Him through all eternity. They are happy because of His faithfulness in supplying their needs, and because He never fails. There are times when they do not understand all the ways He leads them to the Promised Land, but they keep on singing, "He'll guide us with His eye; and we'll follow till we die," knowing that He is able to do all things well.

The people of God are happy be-



cause He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. It is not always the believer's blessing to have close relatives who share the happiness of right relationship with God, whose hearts beat with compassion for him in time of trouble. Therefore, the Christian is happy because he knows that Jesus Christ is a friend in time of need. There are not many of us who have not been near when a friend said goodbye to this world; and we tried to comfort, and be comforted. In those hours no one, until he has experienced such a trial, can fully understand the feeling and emotion of one's soul. Thank God, the Christian is happy because Jesus can go all the way, even to the end. He can say, "There will be no dark shadows when I come to die, for I will not have to cross Jordan alone. The Lord will be there to hold my hand." They are happy because of their prospect of living with their Lord throughout eternity, where the sun never sets, in that city where the Lamb is the Light. Righteousness is a prerequisite to happiness. 1 Peter 3:12, 14, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye, and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled."

Confessing the name of Christ is characteristic of a happy Christian. Simon Peter exhorts the believer to "rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering. . . . If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you," 1 Peter 4:13, 14. Let the words of Christ gladden your hearts. When you are persecuted for righteousness' sake, "rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven."

So radiantly happy was Paul that persecution, imprisonment, and being bound with chains could not destroy his peace. While on trial before the king, he said, "I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself." If you would be among that happy people, be a witnessing Christian. Obedience to Christ's teaching is essential to continued happiness. James 5:11, "Behold, we count them happy which endure." Friend, do not let the cares of this life, deceitfulness of riches, and indifference sever your relationship with God, your Lord and Redeemer.



# NAE

## *A Spiritual Fellowship*

*A guest editorial by*

**Dr. Paul P. Petticord**

*President of the National  
Association of Evangelicals*

**S**PIRITUAL CAN BE INTERPRETED in many ways, but among persons, churches and denominations of the National Association of Evangelicals the word *evangelical* clearly defines the position.

At a recent meeting of the National Sunday School Association, an affiliate of the NAE, a prominent governor of a midwestern state rather sharply defined not only the work of the NSSA but the all-over ministry of the NAE when he stated, "In my thinking I have been comparing the work you are doing with other Christian endeavors. To me, your adventure here and that which you are seeking to do transcends in importance even that which took place in a neighboring state. There,

church government was discussed, and problems affecting the administration of church bodies. But here you are dealing with people and with souls and charting a course by which young men and women and children are to be given opportunity to live fuller and richer Christian lives. Because of this type of training, opportunity will be given many to become better citizens, to participate in America's affairs, to strengthen the hand of the free world. The significance of your gathering is this—you are the greatest deterrent to juvenile delinquency and the greatest advocate of Americanism in the truest sense."

The NAE is a body of Evangelicals who desire fellowship to make possible the continuance of freedom in America for evangelical activities in and through our churches and organizations. To this end the NAE is dedicated. To further the work of evangelical Christianity, each fall a week is set aside known as "NAE Week." This year October 21-28 was so designated. The theme was "Spiritual Unity in Action."

One of the examples as to how the NAE can serve and advance the cause of Evangelicals is in the field of church extension. In recent years Councils of Churches, national and local, have exercised considerable control of church location in new and redeveloped communities. Evangelical churches have often found difficulty in acquiring building sites. The NAE has participated the last two years in meetings of the American Institute of Planners resulting in a new appreciation by planners of the evangelical viewpoint. Planners have since indicated their desire to provide freedom of choice in granting church locations. The Commission on Evangelism and Church Extension of the NAE is continuing an aggressive program for maintaining this freedom.

Another example is in the field of radio. In this area Evangelicals have been buying some ten million dollars a year of time to broadcast the gospel of Christ. An effort is now being made to eliminate the purchasing of time by religious groups, thus leaving only sustaining time available to the churches. This, as you well can see, is an encroachment on our liberties, and also would make impossible the hundreds of gospel broadcasts of today.

Still another example is found in the formation of our Spiritual Life Commission directed by Dr. Armin Gesswein. This commission should prove to be a very important arm of our churches in stimulating a deeply spiritual movement through prayer that will enable our unified effort to touch more people than any of us could do alone.

# higher education for pentecostals?

*What is the effect of education on the Pentecostal experience?*

*Answers by four young Christian scholars*

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## **Edward Shoupe, B.A., B.D.**

EDUCATION, UNTIL recently has been thought by many in Pentecost to have an undermining effect upon a person's Pentecostal experience. It was apparent that the word *education* left some with a bad taste. The idea of higher education was shrouded with a fear complex, and the reason for this could not be understood by the inquiring mind of our youth.

It was in this trend of thinking that I found myself. To several in responsible positions of leadership, I asked the advisability of pursuing a higher education. The answers to this query could be brought into two camps of thought: first, you have sufficient education and you are wasting your time; and second, with many indications of hesitancy, go ahead with your education but be careful and watch out. This advice put me in an apparent dilemma: on one hand, education is not needed; yet on the other hand, there were many indicative fingers pointing to the need of something more than what the Church possessed or expressed. So, as with every apparent dilemma, it became necessary to make a choice. After prayer for guidance, I followed a reoccurring impression for higher education.

Education for the Pentecostal is the confirming stone in his Christian experience. My studies blew my Pente-

costal experience into an even greater flame. God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, the gospel, missions, and man, to name a few, have never been the same. To each of these, education has expanded my vision to such great proportions that the concepts and opportunities envisioned leave me breathless. With vision came the great overwhelming burden which pulls to the breaking point my heart strings as they endeavor to respond to the knock of opportunities for Christ.

Education, in any phase, is the pursuance of truth. Through study one obtains knowledge, and through knowledge he is able to determine what is the truth. All truth is of God, no matter where it is found. It is of God in psychology, sociology, and biology, just as much as in theology. I, like Paul, "can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." Education is a way by which I have come to understand the words of Christ, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." As Nevin C. Harner has said, "All education is religious education. To be sure, all that is propounded as truth may subsequently be proved not to be the whole truth. But to use a figure of speech, I walk with dim vision ever looking for that which will cause more of the scales of blindness to drop from my eyes and let the sunlight of truth burst its warm rays of understanding upon my soul."



**J** HERE ARE MANY who are deeply concerned about the Pentecostal young person contemplating enrolling in college, so the prospective student receives many warnings on the danger of losing out spiritually. Often overlooked are the rich spiritual experiences obtainable to one who moves forward into the field of higher education.

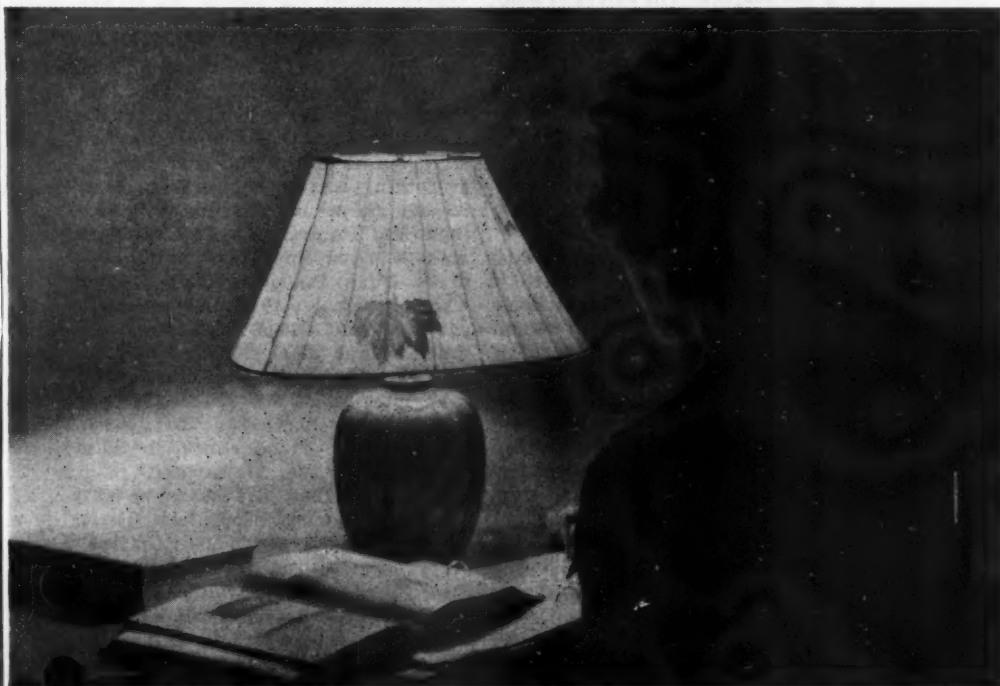
For example, last fall while attending a class with about seventy school-teachers in this area (many of them with at least a master's degree) the subject of religion grew out of a discussion on how moral and spiritual values should be taught. The teachers discussed the failure of many of the churches to meet the spiritual needs of their congregations. They actually said their congregations seemed to get smaller each service. A man who had been serving as a college music professor pointed out that many newer churches were springing up in this area with phenomenal growth and that they were putting his church to shame. After he sat down, he looked at my husband and me and said, "You know what I am talking about as your church is one of the movements to which I referred." It was obvious

that he was referring to the Pentecostal movement. His statement was part of a lively discussion with statements indicating a widespread feeling among the teachers that they were tired of hearing book reviews at church. They expressed a need for sermons from the Bible which would give them spiritual guidance for the oncoming week.

Educators are concerned about spiritual growth and while they insist on avoiding sectarian instruction, they

### ***Lucille V. Elliott, B. A., M. A.***

are also interested in avoiding atheism. There are atheists and agnostics on the faculties of colleges, but there are also a large number of sincere Christians. Skepticism is not as popular or as well-received today. As open-minded scholars search for truth—and true science is truth—they arrive at theories that are not acceptable to the Christian who has the truth of God's Word. However, there is no conflict between proved facts and God's Word. The conflict is with theories





that are sometimes considered prematurely as facts.

Often it is the student just entering college who is confused. As the student advances he learns to evaluate and discriminate, and upon finishing his studies he should have learned to discriminate between theory and fact and is not shaken when assaulted by false ideas of the enemy of man. In college a person is taught the needs of mankind and is then taught man's program for meeting the needs. If his education has been effective, he will learn to evaluate the program. The college student with a Pentecostal background has no difficulty in seeing what adding his rich Pentecostal heritage will do to improve a woefully inadequate program.

For those who realize that the way to maintain spiritual development is through concentrating on service to God and man rather than centering all their attention, prayers, etc., on themselves, college offers many opportunities. There are many students from Pentecostal homes that are encouraged when they find another of their own ranks also in college. There

is a valuable service to the entering student that an upper-class Christian can do that no one else can.

Then the finishing of college opens fields of service, such as teaching. I definitely feel that the attitude that many have taken toward a college education has kept us from taking advantage of this marvelous opportunity for serving. A teacher will have direct contact with many people that a Church of God pastor will never reach. Listen, Church of God, if we do not promote education among our young people, another church will encourage its young people to take over the public schools and teach our children! Our children need teachers who understand their problems — not just emotional, social, and mental problems, but also SPIRITUAL problems. The challenge belongs to our Church today. Will we accept it, or will we let the Catholics continue to teach our children thirty hours a week while a Sunday School teacher has them for about 45 minutes a week? Young people, if you want to serve God and the Church in a needy field, prepare to attend college and teach.

## **Robert Humbertson, B.A., M.A.**

**T**HE subject, "The Effect of Education on the Pentecostal Experience," is timely but difficult; therefore, I trust that the following words will be received prayerfully.

An education, like money, can be a blessing or a curse. Education is a tool; how you use it is important. You can use your education or your education can use you.

Inasmuch as there are many different areas of education, the effect that education will have on your Pentecostal experience will depend somewhat on your field of study. For example, if you study English, journalism, or chemistry, the education within itself will probably neither help you nor hinder you spiritually. Courses in philosophy (if not taken under desirable circumstances) may hurt your Pentecostal experience; however, an education in Bible and theology should contribute to your Pentecostal development.

The kind of school you attend, the campus activities in which you participate, and your after-school activities will have their effect on your religious

experience. At Lee College we do our best to make the total environment conducive to spiritual development. Owned and operated by the Church of God, Lee is fundamental in belief and Pentecostal in emphasis. It is "God's School for God's Business," and we strive earnestly to put Him first in everything. Prayer before each class, regular chapel services, prayer meetings, and Holy Ghost-filled teachers make a lasting impression on our students. Young people exhibit wisdom when they choose to obtain their education at Lee College, or at one of our other Church of God schools. Let us ever give thanks to the Lord for the farsightedness of the Church in providing institutions where our youth may obtain a sound education in a genuinely spiritual atmosphere.

While attending high school or college, some young people neglect church attendance, Bible reading, prayer, and witnessing. Consequently, these young people become "cold" spiritually. Too many times education is blamed for this spiritual state, but education is no more responsible for this condition than business is respon-



sible for spiritual failures. Like some businessmen, some students neglect the spiritual side of their lives. Business or education may be a stumbling block or a steppingstone.

Education should never be substituted for Bible reading or any of the other Christian "must's." "Putting first things first" is emphasized at Lee College. Each teacher is dedicated to the task of exalting Christ and the church. At times students spend the entire class period in prayer and dedication. Young people receive the bap-

tism of the Holy Ghost right in our classrooms. Is such an education conducive to development as Pentecostals?

I pray that those of you who have a good education will use it for the glory of God, and I pray that those of you who are in school now will let your education contribute to your growth as a Pentecostal Christian. In the church, in the home, and in society there is a great need today for men and women who are filled with the Holy Ghost and wisdom.

## **Lucille Walker, B. A., M. A.**

**I** SHOULD LIKE to present two areas of particular benefit derived from Pentecostals going into advanced formal education. The first has to do with our educating the "educated" as to who we are and what we are like; the second relates to the effects of the educational process on us.

When I entered a certain college one of the professors stated concerning fundamentalists versus modern popular denominationalists: "We say they (fundamentalists and Pentecostals) are ignorant and they say that we are all sinners." They fit us into a stereotype of the emotionally uncontrolled and of the "holler than thou"; and we have a tendency to stereotype them as the stoical, worldly "with a form of godliness and denying the power thereof." Education discredits all stereotypes.

Our young people who have gone on to college have declared by their lives and scholarship that they are intelligent, thoughtful, sincere and emotionally stable people. I know many Church of God young people who have received their A.B.'s, M.A.'s, B.D.'s and R.N.'s, and all have been above average in both conduct and ability. Colleges which have had our students welcome more.

In colleges over the nation young men and women are saying: "This is the Church of God—I represent the Church of God," and are winning respect and admiration for their faith, devotion and intellectual ability.

For us education holds even greater values, a few of which I shall enumerate: 1. It provides instruction, discipline and training in becoming a

mature, adjusted individual. 2. It broadens areas of service. It makes us leave our sheltered isolated group and move out into areas of broader service. 3. It gives confidence and counteracts the inferiority status imposed on minority groups. 4. It helps to separate the essentials of salvation from nonessentials, thus deepening the basic elements of faith and making one more broadminded concerning superficial external differences. Thus it sponsors unity rather than division. 5. It opens experiences of other great Christians to us through books and ideas. 6. It provides able leadership for a growing church. 7. It is a walk into new areas where the trial of one's faith is very precious to the Lord. 8. Last but not least, it reaffirms that "the fear of the Lord" is real wisdom, and that the greatest need of the world is educated, consecrated Christians, not just educated people.

Some people fear advanced formal education, thinking that modern science will destroy one's faith; they look at the theories of modern science rather than at the known facts. The true facts of an orderly universe, rational men and women, and the mysteries of life and death, all testify of God. True science makes one exclaim, "How wonderful are thy ways, O Lord." We need never fear that which is fact and truth, for they will only confirm God and His Word.

Often people discourage one in further education by pointing to some outstanding uneducated Christian. Remember a saying which I once saw: "God uses men not BECAUSE of their lack of education, but IN SPITE OF IT."



# Heaven Moves Into Our Home

By Dr. Richard A. Elvee

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IT WAS A blessed day when Jesus Christ graced a wedding feast by His presence in Cana of Galilee. Here He performed the first of His mighty miracles. Here He demonstrated His interest in the everyday living of men and women.

It was another great day when as a result of the Reformation the Bible no longer was kept chained to pulpits in churches but was read by the common man at an altar of prayer in his own living room. Someone has well said, "Environment is man's second chance." You cannot do much about the color of your hair, the shape of your face, the stride in your walk, or the inherited tendencies that you have received from your forefathers, but you certainly can do something about the environment of your home.

If a home is to experience the blessing that flows from Jesus Christ, it will be a Bible-centered home. No one can estimate the dividends that are received for time and eternity when father and mother, sons and daughters, gather around and look into this, the source Book of all wisdom. Following the reading or quoting together of the Word of God by a time of prayer in which each member of the family participates will produce the tie that will indeed bind hearts and lives together.

Heaven moves into our homes when we read the Bible. With Christ the center of your life, kneeling at a common altar, dwelling in the Saviour's love, speaking a language all of you understand, and having the hope in your hearts of which neither is ashamed makes for a home with harmony and peace and happiness. Plan for it. Pray for it. Prepare for it. As someone has said, "Harmony can only be obtained by establishing unity of a higher order where the original problem is not solved, but dismissed." This higher unity for the Christian home is found in the Bible.

Fortunate that home where father and mother and children can kneel before an undivided altar and dismiss their problems in the presence of a loving, prayer-hearing God "with whom can be no variation neither shadow that is cast by turning" (James 1:17, RV).

*A Bible reading home is an intelligent home.* Bible reading in your home will help you to live intelligently. "When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee," Proverbs 2:10, 11.

Man seems to know more today about everything else than he does about himself. Without doubt the greatest art is the art of living, and the application of a little Biblical intelligence in the average home would transform it from a dog house to a palace. The Bible is the source Book of spiritual power. It will help you to fight against any force or evil, habit, carelessness or negligence that would separate you in spirit and in love. This Biblically intelligent living would make a home that allows for the free play of affections between father and mother and parents and children, a home which will be full of kind deeds, a home which constantly will have gentle and affectionate words and speeches, "Tis a word that's quickly spoken which being restrained a heart is broken."

*A Bible reading home is a joyful home.* With the Bible as the center of your home, you will live joyfully. In Proverbs 5, we read, "Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth . . . and be thou ravished always with her love." And again Ecclesiastes tells us, "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity; . . . for that is thy portion in this life and in thy labor which thou takest under the sun." There is no book which sends forth such streams of joy to the human

heart as the Bible. The reality of this experience will bring joyful living to the home. It has its affect upon our tempers and our speech, and this in turn will affect those who live with us.

The attitudes of others are many times the reflection of our own. I think of that little boy standing on the edge of the woods shouting, "Hello," and a voice returned, "Hello." Then he shouted, "Who are you?" and the voice returned, "Who are you?" Then he said, "Why don't you come out?" and the voice returned, "Come out." Finally he grew somewhat angry with the voice out of the woods and said, "I'll fight you." The voice returned, "Fight you." He ran home and told his mother about the mean boy in the woods and his mother suggested that perhaps he should stand at the edge of the woods and say, "I love you." This he did, and the response came back from the voice in the woods, "I love you."

*A Bible reading home is a righteous home. The Bible in your home will cause you to live righteously. Even old age can be faced with joy when one realizes that, "The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness." Yes, gray hairs*

may come as they have to grandpa or grandma sitting around the dining room table, but how blessed it is to know that old or young, the Bible causes us to live righteously. The Psalmist has said, "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age. They shall be fat and flourishing."

When I was a boy, we sang the Psalms, and one psalm I shall never forget.

"Bless the man that fears Jehovah,  
Walking ever in His ways,  
By the toil thou shalt be prospered,  
And be happy all thy days.

"In thy wife thou shalt have gladness  
She shall fill thy house with good  
Happy in her loving service,  
And the joys of motherhood.

"Joyful children, sons and daughters  
Shall about thy table meet,  
Olive plants, in strength and beauty  
Full of hope and promise sweet."

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## reports

### Every Department Has Good Increase

**BAUXITE, Ark.** — We certainly praise the Lord for the way He has answered prayer. Two years ago Brother John Best came to this church as pastor. We were in a building program for a new church. Now the church is completed and we have had a great increase in every department. Our Sunday School is ranging from 150 or more, and our church is paying good tithes. We have only six Sunday School rooms, but are planning for others. Two rooms and a bath, plus water pumps, have been added to the parsonage. We also purchased a power lawn mower for the parsonage. Our church is seated with individual cushioned seats, and has two large fans. All is paid for except about \$1,800. There has been much prayer and fasting for this work. There have been many healings and souls saved as a result of this. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless.

—Willard Gentry

### Fourteen Converted in California Revival

**KERMAN, Calif.**—We should like to report how God blessed us in getting a new work started in Kerman, California. On Sunday, August 5, we started Sunday School with 14 in attendance. Three weeks later we had 62 in Sunday School. We began a revival with Brother Marlin Steenburgh and Brother Frank Palumbo. God blessed in this revival. Fourteen have been saved, 4 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 21 baptized in water. Last Sunday we set the church in order with 14 members, and more are coming in next week. We are making plans now to purchase the stucco building in which we are now having services. It seats about 135 and has three Sunday School rooms and a baptistry. There is enough property on which to build a parsonage. We can get the building and property for \$3,500. We should like for all to pray for us.

—V. C. Sechler, Pastor

### Young People Active in Montana Church

**GREAT FALLS, Mont.** — We have a fine group of young people here at the Church of God in Great Falls. The Young People's Endeavor meets

every Sunday night under the leadership of Miss Y'onne Lutke, president, and Paul McManus, vice-president. Their project is to install in the church a twenty-one-foot, all-steel rostrum rail with a dark maroon curtain on sliding rings. So far they have had some very splendid Y.P.E. programs and have been blessed in receiving good offerings at almost all the meetings.

On Sunday, July 29, 1956, the young people of the church organized a Lamplighters Fellowship with a total of 12 members. The pastor, Brother Ralph E. Northrup, was chosen Lamplighters Youth Fellowship Adviser. Officers elected were: Donald Long, Director; Donna Kelley, Assistant Director; Priscilla McManus, Secretary-treasurer. The first project is to collect clothes for the mission field, and the first social activity was a hamburger fry, with group singing, testimonies, and prayer.

—Paul McManus, Reporter

### Home Visitation Proves Successful

**WHEATLAND, Wyo.**—Home visitation has paid after having gone for more than a year without a church in Wheatland. One day the telephone rang, and to my surprise it was a Church of God minister asking to call on us. We had a prayer meeting that very week. Since then we have started a Sunday School and regular services. Words cannot express the joy we felt knowing that at last we were going to have a church. God saw the great need, and praise His name our hungry hearts are being fed. We certainly love and appreciate Brother and Sister Batson and their children. They love God and are real workers. As a result of their faithfulness and willingness to sacrifice, God is blessing.

—Mrs. Art Unterseher, Reporter

### Persecution in Mexico

In Ojitlan, Oaxaca, Mexico, our church was closed by the government officials and it was only through the *Secretary de Gobernacion* that we were able to continue our work and start our services again. This is an Indian church; we have been working here for many years and the outbreak came to us as a complete surprise.

In Teutila, Oaxaca, several of our brethren were put in jail and they threatened to close our church because our brethren refused to help build the Catholic church. In Tlautla,

Puebla, last week a mob attacked our brethren in the service and prohibited them from continuing the construction of the church. In Apam, Hidalgo, officials have drawn up documents to take our land away from us. In Cuyamecalco, Oaxaca, some of our brethren spent several days in jail while the state government was trying to close our church, but by the help of the Lord and the able leadership of Brother Alejandro Portugal, Jr., our overseer of that area, all of these churches are now open. Pray that God may continue to help us in this crucial time.

—Vessie D. Hargrave

### Outstanding Home - coming

#### Day

**HARTWELL, Ga.** — The home-coming at the Mt. Olivet Church of God was one of the most wonderful in the history of the church. After Sunday School the people enjoyed the good choir singing and special singing by the Mauldin quartet and the church trio. Other special features of the service were the testimonies by the home preachers and visitors who had already arrived. At noon, dinner was spread on tables in the churchyard, with plenty of food for the large number present. At two o'clock we assembled in the church for another feast from the Lord's table. Again we were blessed by the special singing of the quartet, duets and solos from the Glendale Avenue Church. We heard a very inspiring message by the Reverend Odus Smith, of Whitmire, South Carolina, a former pastor. Ministers from a distance who attended the home-coming were Brother Horace Durden, a former pastor, Greenwood, South Carolina; Brother Jesse Rogers, a former district pastor, Mountain City, Georgia; and Brother J. A. Hanvey and wife, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, who became members of this church not long after the church was organized, and are now pastoring in Spartanburg. A number of pastors on this district were present and gave good testimonies. Brother Griffin, our present district overseer, was present also. There were 14 ministers present. A nice offering was received for our parsonage which we hope to purchase soon. We appreciate our pastor, Brother D. W. Mills, who carried out the program in such a wonderful way and proved a blessing to all present. The service closed with a healing service. We are expecting to meet at another home-coming in 1957 if Jesus tarries.

—Myrtle Whitehead, Reporter

# Healing

## Needed Operation but Received Divine Healing

BONNE TERRE, Mo. — I was brought up in a church where divine healing was not taught. After I began attending services in the Rougley Church of God I heard people testify to divine healing. My faith began to grow stronger. One Saturday in August 1956, I was told by my doctor that I needed a serious operation. I thought about it all day and thought to myself, "I'll request special prayer at church tonight," but when the prayer requests were taken I could not seem to speak out. During the service I became very ill and suffered severe pain. Brother Andy Holdman and other saints of God laid hands on me and prayed for my body to be healed. Very soon the pain subsided and sometime in the night I awoke with a different feeling. I felt my body was healed and I thanked God for it. I returned to the doctor on the following Monday. He examined me and said, "Begin to count your blessings, Mrs. Waller; a wonderful change has taken place and I can't find a thing seriously wrong with you." I know God touched and healed my body there in that little country church at a week-day service. I thank and praise Him for it.

—Mrs. Glenwood Waller

## Afflicted With Rheumatic Fever and Fractured Bone God Miraculously Healed

MARKS, Miss.—About three years ago our oldest daughter was stricken with rheumatic fever and was confined to the hospital for treatment. The doctor told us she would be there from three weeks to three months, and in bed for two years. After she had been in the hospital for a few days, God worked in a mysterious way His miracle to perform. The church at Marks was in a revival and about the time for service to be dismissed special prayer was held for her healing. God moved, and we brought her home in a few days. After she had been at home awhile, her left leg became infected. She was carried to the doctor regularly, sometimes every other day, but she did not seem to be doing well at all. X-rays revealed the large bone in her leg in two places was almost eaten in two. They also showed the bone was fractured almost all the way across. She was sent to a bone specialist but on Sunday night before the appointment on Monday and after the X-rays were made on the Saturday before, special prayer

was held in behalf of her healing. Again God came on the scene and performed a mighty miracle. On Monday more X-rays were made; these revealed the fracture was healed. They operated on Tuesday morning and the doctor said a new bone had already begun to grow. Some say the day of miracles is over, that they were performed only while Jesus was here on earth. However, I am glad Jesus has sent the Holy Ghost, and His power is still the same as in the days of long ago.

About six weeks ago our oldest son was thrown from a horse and had a fractured skull, brain concussion and ruptured right ear drum. The doctor in our local town said he would never live until we could get him to the next town, but what man could not do, God did and he is up and doing well now. To God be the glory and the honor for His wonderful healing power. I appreciate the doctors and the nurses for their efforts and God bless them because they are wonderful. When things go beyond human ef-

forts, however, I am glad to be serving a God with whom nothing is impossible.

—Mrs. Cecil Cox

## Child Healed of Convulsion

HIGH POINT, N. C.—We praise God for healing our little boy. On Fathers' Day, 1956, I was saved and sanctified. Our family was attending night services at the Church of God, 1113 East Commerce Street, High Point, North Carolina, where Brother Harold Douglas is the pastor. Just before Brother Douglas began to bring the message our little boy began having a convulsion. He had turned blue and was jerking all over. Brother Douglas asked me to bring him up for prayer. My wife came to the altar and we all prayed again. Our child was healed instantly. A miracle happened that night. Praise God for healing our child and for what he has done for our family.

—Mr. Lyle Huffman

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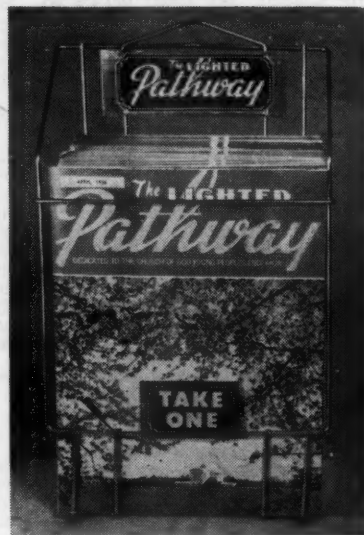
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## KIRK

Phillip Kirk, 21-year-old ambulance attendant from Mulberry, Florida, died of a skull fracture and other injuries shortly after the ambulance in which he was riding collided with a Greyhound bus. Phillip and A. M. Seigler, driver of the ambulance, were rushing a snake-bite victim to the hospital when the accident occurred. Phillip is the son of E. Ray Kirk, Overseer of the Bahamas.

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## WALKER

Mannie Walker, evangelist, died March 26, 1956. Her residence was in Augusta, Georgia.

—D. C. Boatwright  
Overseer of Georgia

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## WHITTINGTON

On January 13, 1956 the death angel visited the home of Brother Horace Whittington, and took him home to his reward. For more than 36 years he was a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God. He loved the Church more than anything and proved it by his works and good living. He served as Secretary-Treasurer and played the organ for a number of years in a country church near Dillon. He was patient to the end and will be missed by the church and community. He was 67 years old. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Mrs. Mamie Whittington, five sons, and nine daughters, three brothers, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends. His funeral was conducted at the Dillon Church of God by his pastor, Rev. Clyde C. Cox, assisted by Rev. W. R. Craven.

—Mrs. Blanche Moody, Daughter

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## ARROWOOD

Brother Cligman L. Arrowood was born October 15, 1865, in Mitchell County, North Carolina. He passed away September 20, 1956. He is survived by his wife, three sons, one daughter, and a host of relatives and friends. Brother Arrowood was a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God for twenty-five years. He will be missed in our church, but we are conscious of the fact that our loss is heaven's gain.

—A. J. Duncan, Pastor

## THOMPSON

Brother W. R. Thompson, age 88, departed this life May 21, 1956, after a short illness. A charter member of the Clyde Church of God, he was a faithful attendant until the time of his death, having been in declining health for the past several years. He has served the church as Sunday School superintendent for a number of years, and his loyal and untiring efforts in this capacity will not soon be forgotten. His consecrated life will be remembered by all who knew him, for he welcomed the opportunity to help others. Survivors include seven sons, three daughters, two brothers, thirty-five grandchildren, and twenty-three great grandchildren.

—Mrs. Warren West

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## REEVES

Sister Reeves of Benndale, Mississippi, passed away August 17, 1956, at the age of 87. She was a charter member of the Church of God at Benndale. She was a regular attendant as long as she was able. She testified to the last and was ready and waiting for the Lord to come for her. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Brother G. N. May, assisted by Brother King, pastor of the Antioch Methodist Church. She will be missed by all her relatives and friends.

—Mrs. G. N. May

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## SIMMONS

Sister Martha M. Simmons was born March 26, 1892. The Lord called her home to be with Him July 27, 1956. In the year 1906, at the early age of 14, she gave her heart and life to Jesus and received the Holy Ghost. That gave her fifty years to walk with Jesus in this life. Her love for the Lord and His Church was felt by all who knew her. She was a mother to the Otis Church of God. This church, I am told, had its beginning in a prayer meeting in her home. She was one of the first members, and she continued faithful. Many times she came when she was so weak and frail that most folks would have kept to the easy chair at home. Many times she had attacks at church, and as she lay on the hard benches she would say, "I'd rather be here with the good saints than any place I know, and if I should depart, it is a good place from which to go to meet the Lord." The week before she was called away, while visiting her daughter,

Sister Kirkland, pastor's wife at Lanes Avenue Church of God, the Holy Ghost took over in prayer and gave a message in tongues. Sister Simmons was so happy when the Lord gave her the interpretation, "I've fought a good fight, I've finished my course, I'm ready to depart."

—Mrs. J. Howard

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## SULLIVAN

The Reverend Edward Sullivan, Sr., was born August 20, 1894, and departed this life to be with Jesus May 22, 1956. Brother Sullivan was a faithful member and minister of the Church of God. He will be greatly missed in Pennsylvania, where he and his faithful companion, Mrs. Elsie Sullivan, did a great work for the Lord. Brother Sullivan was a member at the New Oxford Church of God, and the church really loved him. He was a great song leader as well as a minister. Before he died he made this statement, "If I never sing with the people in New Oxford in this world again, I will sing with them in heaven." Our loss is heaven's gain. Brother Carl White, his pastor, and Brother W. H. Seville, district pastor, were in charge of his funeral.

—Mrs. Carl White, Reporter

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## FURMAN

Carrie Furman, evangelist in the Church of God, passed away April, 1956. She lived in Texas but was en route to Guatemala.

—Rev. J. D. Bright

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## GREEN

J. P. Green, ordained minister of the Church of God, passed away April 1, 1956. His home was at 304 West Park Street, Dalton, Georgia.

—W. E. Johnson  
Overseer of Georgia

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## HOWARD

Gerthel Howard, 46 years of age, passed away September 12, 1956. Surviving are her husband, one daughter, her mother, one brother, and two sisters. Her funeral was conducted at the Lexington Church of God by Brother T. L. Phillips of Alcoa, Tennessee. Brother Dack Bell is the pastor. She has been a member of the Church of God for 16 years. She was afflicted for many years. We expect to meet her again in a glorified body.

—Mrs. G. H. Glover

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